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SUBJECT: EX ROC AMB MA CHI-CHUANG ON THAI-ROC RELATIONS

1. WHILE AMBASSADOR MA CHI-CHUANG (7456/0701/4382) WHO RETURNED FROM BANGKOK ON JUNE 28 DID NOT DISCUSS ANY SPECIFICS RE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR CONDUCTING SUBSTANTIVE RELATIONS WITH THAILAND AFTER THE DIPLOMATIC BREAK, HE TOLD THE PRESS BILATERAL PLANNING WAS WELL UNDER WAY. THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS QUOTED MA AS SAYING THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD BETWEEN THAI AND ROC OFFICIALS ON SETTING UP ORGANIZATIONS TO MAINTAIN TRADE, COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED "IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE."

2. ALL PAPERS PICKED UP MA'S COMMENTS ON STATEMENT MADE TO HIM BY THAI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PM AND FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT THE THAI'S FAVOR CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES, MA'S STATEMENTS, COUPLED WITH INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES, CONFIRM THAT THE GROC FULLY INTENDS TO INCLUDE THE RTG IN ITS CONCEPT OF CARRYING ON "FUNCTIONAL" DIPLOMACY THROUGH ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ENTITIES.

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3. THE GROC STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 26 CRITICIZING PRIME

MINISTER KUKRIT'S DECISION TO VISIT PEKING WAS RELATIVELY MILD (SEE SEPTEL). AS IN THE PHILIPPINE CASE, TAIPEI AGAIN RAISED THE SPECTER OF COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

4. AS AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, THE CHINA POST REPORTED JUNE 20 AND 27 ON THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT ON EXPORT OF MAIZE FROM THAILAND TO TAIWAN. THE LATER REPORT STATED THAT AN INITIAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED PRIOR TO THE 27TH ON THE IMPORT OF 300,000 TONS OF THAI MAIZE TO TAIWAN DURING 1975-76. IN ADDITION, A CONFERENCE OF MAIZE TRADERS IS BEING PLANNED IN TAIPEI IN MID-JULY. FOR MAIZE DEALERS, AT LEAST, IT SEEMS TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL.

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